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SUBJECT: TINDEMANS PRESS CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN POLICY

1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING SUMMIT MEETINGS IN PARIS AND  
BONN AND MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND  
SECRETARY KISSINGER, PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS ON  
JULY 5 READ TO A LARGE PRESS CONFERENCE A TEN-PAGE  
STATEMENT, STRESSING HIS INTENTION TO STIMULATE A  
REVIVIFICATION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, POLITICALLY,  
ECONOMICALLY, AND INSTITUTIONALLY. HE ALSO  
SPOKE ABOUT THE NEED FOR SIMULTANEOUS DEVELOPMENT OF  
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RELATIONS WITH THE U.S., AND HE SPOKE OF THE NEED FOR

BROAD COOPERATION IN DEALING WITH THE ENERGY CRISIS.  
FRENCH TEXT POUCED TO WASHINGTON (EUR/WE AND EUR/RPE)  
AND USEC. END SUMMARY.

2. TINDEMANS SAID THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF EUROPE REQUIRES PERSISTENT AND IMAGINATIVE DIPLOMATIC ACTION, AND CITED HIS OWN RECENT TRAVELS AND TALKS AS EXAMPLES OF WHAT MUST BE DONE. HE SAID THAT THE SMALLER EUROPEAN STATES, QTE FOR WHOM EUROPEAN CONSTRUCTION CONSTITUTES THE ONLY REALISTIC FOREIGN POLICY OPTION UNQTE, MUST BE READY TO SEEK SOLUTIONS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL, WHILE ALL THE LARGER STATES MUST OF COURSE AGREE TO ANY PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION. TINDEMANS SAID THAT A COHERENT ECONOMIC POLICY DEPENDS ON FULL PARTICIPATION BY THE FRG (QTE THE PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC PARTNER UNQTE), WHILE POLITICAL MOVEMENT WITHIN THE NINE REQUIRES THE FULL INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP OF FRANCE (QTE HERETOFORE THE MOST HESITANT UNQTE).

3. TINDEMANS HAD THE FOLLOWING TO SAY ABOUT RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. AND THE WORLD AT LARGE: QTE WE SHOULD CERTAINLY ADOPT EUROPEAN POINTS OF VIEW IN LARGER NEGOTIATIONS. IN AFFIRMING THIS, I BRING TO LIGHT ANOTHER CONSTANT OF BELGIAN POLICY ACCORDING TO WHICH THERE IS NO CONTRADICTION BETWEEN THE REINFORCEMENT OF EUROPEAN UNIFICATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR RELATIONS WITH OUR PRINCIPAL PARTNERS AND IN PARTICULAR WITH THE UNITED STATES. THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES WITHOUT THE SIMULTANEOUS SEARCH FOR A DEFINITION OF EUROPEAN POSITIONS WOULD NOT BE IN CONFORMITY WITH OUR WILL TO CREATE THE EUROPEAN UNION, BUT IT IS OBVIOUSLY FALSE TO BELIEVE THAT REFUSING A DIALOGUE WITH THE UNITED STATES WOULD ACCELERATE THE PROCESS OF UNIFICATION. IN THE AREA OF SECURITY, AND IN THAT OF ENERGY, EUROPEAN POLICY WILL BE EFFECTUAL ONLY IF IT IS PROJECTED INTO A MORE GENERAL FRAMEWORK UNQTE.

4. SPEAKING OF THE NEED FOR COORDINATION OF ECONOMIC AND MONETARY POLICIES WITHIN THE EC, TINDEMANS ACKNOW- UNCLASSIFIED

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LEDGED THAT INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES HAD SPECIAL PROBLEMS PERHAPS REQUIRING SPECIAL REMEDIES. HE WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT MEASURES TAKEN TO DEAL WITH INFLATION OR TO REDRESS NEGATIVE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SHOULD NOT ENDANGER COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS OR IMPEDE PROGRESS TOWARD ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNITY.

5. WITH RESPECT TO ENERGY, TINDEMANS CALLED FOR A

COMMUNITY ENERGY POLICY, COOPERATION WITH OTHER INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES, AND A POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES. HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE ENERGY PROBLEM COULD NOT BE SOLVED IN THE LIMITED CIRCLE OF THE NINE. WITH REGARD TO CONSUMER-/PRODUCER RELATIONS, TINDEMANS SAID THAT QTE THE INTERESTS OF PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS ARE NOT CONTRADICTORY, SINCE THE DISORGANIZATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY THAT WOULD BE PROVOKED BY A NEW PRICE RISE WOULD HAVE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR ALL THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES UNQTE.

6. TINDEMANS SPOKE IN FAVOR OF STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY EXECUTIVE AND PROPOSED THAT QTE POLITICAL DECISIONS ESSENTIAL FOR THE COMMUNITY BE TAKEN IN A SINGLE FORUM, OR FRAMEWORK (UN CADRE UNIQUE), GOVERNMENTS NAMING THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ACCORDING TO THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA UNQTE. FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE, IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION, ADVOCATED GIVING MORE POWER TO THE COMMISSION, WHICH, HE SAID, HAS LOST SOME OF ITS POLITICAL INFLUENCE. TINDEMANS ALSO PROPOSED GIVING EC PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES GREATER NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY IN ORDER THAT AGREEMENTS MIGHT BE REACHED AT THAT LEVEL RATHER THAN BEING REFERRED TO MINISTERS IN EVERY CASE.

7. TINDEMANS SPOKE OF THE NEED FOR REINFORCING POLITICAL CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION AMONG THE NINE, STATING THAT QTE THE POLITICAL WILL OF STATES IS AN INDISPENSABLE PRECONDITION TO ANY PROGRESS ON EUROPEAN CONSTRUCTION UNQTE. HE NOTED THAT CONSULTATIONS AMONG THE NINE ON CSCE ARE A TEST CASE AND SAID THE NINE MUST QUICKLY DEFINE THE RESULTS THEY WISH TO UNCLASSIFIED

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ATTAIN IN CSCE AND THEN OBTAIN THE SUPPORT OF THEIR ALLIES FOR THEIR POSITION. SECONDLY, TINDEMANS SAID THAT THE NINE MUST CONSULT ON CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR COOPERATION WITH THE ARABS. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS MEET ON THE FRINGES OF REGULAR EC COUNCIL MEETINGS IN ADDITION TO THEIR NORMAL QUARTERLY POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS. ASKED ABOUT AN EC SUMMIT, TINDEMANS REPLIED THAT THE SITUATION WAS NOT RIPE AND THAT ANOTHER COPENHAGEN IS TO BE AVOIDED.

8. COMMENT: TINDEMANS HAS BEEN A WHIRL OF DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS AND IS FAST CREATING A PUBLIC IMAGE OF HIMSELF AS A MOVER ON THE EUROPEAN SCENE. IT IS APPARENT THAT HE INTENDS TO CONCENTRATE HIS ENERGIES ON ATTEMPTING TO GIVE BELGIUM

A LARGER ROLE IN REVIVING FORWARD MOVEMENT IN THE  
COMMUNITY AND ON PLAYING A LARGER PERSONAL ROLE IN  
FOREIGN POLICY THAN HAVE HIS PREDECESSORS.  
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